

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-45 are currently pending in this application. Applicants have amended the specification to correct minor typographical and translational errors. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments. The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended to comply with the Patent Office Rules that the abstract be limited to a single paragraph and no more than 150 words. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 4. Claims 1-3, 12-14, 16, 18, 19-21, 30-32, 34, 39-41, and 45 are amended, removing some references to "white-colored" coating layers. Claims 8, 16, 26, 32, and 42-45 have been amended to more particularly describe the invention.

37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) Rejections

The Examiner objected to claims 3, 16, 32, 35, and 42-45 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c), as being in improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claim 3 is further limited by the thickness. Claim 16 is further limited by the color tone. Additionally, claims 3, 16, 32, 35, and 42-45 were amended in order to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Therefore the objection should be withdrawn as claims 3, 16, 32, 35, and 42-45 are now in form for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 1-3, 12-14, 16, 18, 19-21, 30-32, 34, 39-41, and 45 were amended to remove the "white-colored" phrase. Claim 8 was amended to more clearly define the underlying plating layer. Claim 25 is now consistent with claim 8. Claims 1 and 12 were amended to be more consistent and removed the doubt with respect to the antecedent basis issue expressed by the Examiner. Claim 16 was amended to correct an antecedent basis issue. Claims 32 and 45

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were amended to correct the listed issues regarding antecedent basis and to more particularly define the invention. Claims 42-44 were amended to clarify and more particularly define the invention. Therefore, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112 should be withdrawn as claims 1-45 are now in form for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103(a) Rejections

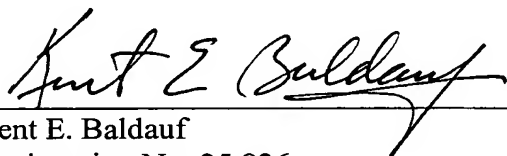
The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5, 12, and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 3,778, 238 to Tyler (hereinafter "Tyler"). Claim 1 was amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 4. Claim 1 now includes the allowable subject matter indicated by the Examiner referring to claim 4 including the limitation of the claims upon which it depends. Therefore, the Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) should be withdrawn and claims 1, 3, 5, 12, and 14-18 are in form for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of claims 1-3 and 4-45 are respectfully requested.

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